

New Zealanders wrestle shark on a whim

WELLINGTON, N.Z. — New Zealand has produced its own answer to the movie "Jaws".

Diana plans gala dress sale for charity

LONDON — Princess Diana is planning to donate her wedding dress to a British museum and to sell her evening dresses for charity.

Youth robbers use chewing gum

MELBOURNE, Australia — A group of young men in Melbourne used chewing gum to hold up a woman.

Virginia to retire 'racist' offensive state song

RICHMOND, Virginia — The state of Virginia is set to retire its state song, "The Great Wagon Road," because of its racist lyrics.

Bangladeshi men wrestle for love

DHAKA, Bangladesh — A group of men in Bangladesh are wrestling for a woman.

### Peruvian, Japanese leaders discuss crisis

TORONTO (AFP) — Peru's President Alberto Fujimori arrived in Canada Friday for talks with Prime Minister Jean Chrétien.

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### Telethon raises JD209,000 for needy

AMMAN (J.T.) — A total of JD209,532 was collected on Friday through a telethon programme for raising funds to help needy families through extending financial assistance.

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## U.S. letter to Palestinians promises to ensure Israeli adherence to Jan.15 accord

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — The United States has given Palestinians an unprecedented promise to make Israel abide by the Jan. 15 accord on extending Palestinian self-rule, the Haaretz newspaper reported on Friday.

strengthen the settlement of the Jewish people in the land of Israel," Mr. Netanyahu said. "This means to strengthen it in the settlements of Shilo and Beit Al and Hebron and Jerusalem."



BYPASSING CHECKPOINT: Palestinians run past an Israeli army jeep into Jerusalem after they bypassed the checkpoint on the Bethlehem-Jerusalem road to attend prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque on the fourth Friday of Ramadan (see page 12)(Reuters photo)

### Netanyahu due here Wednesday to discuss peace, bilateral ties

By P.V.Vivekanand  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is expected to visit Jordan on Wednesday for talks with His Majesty King Hussein on the Middle East peace process and bilateral relations, an official source said Friday.

### Alliance for Mideast peace established in Copenhagen meeting

COPENHAGEN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein has voiced support for the efforts that on Thursday culminated in the birth of the first popular movement grouping Jordanian, Palestinian, Egyptian and Israeli peace activists.

## Israel refuses any unilateral withdrawal from S. Lebanon

Syria defends Lebanese right to resistance, says Israel could ensure security by leaving Lebanon

HAIFA (Agencies) — Israel's military chief-of-staff, General Amnon Shabak, rejected on Friday any unilateral withdrawal of Israeli forces from South Lebanon.

### Israel may reconsider Hamas leader's extradition

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israel is reviewing its initial request to the United States to extradite a Hamas leader sought for financing and plotting attacks on Israelis, a newspaper said Friday.

### Jordan seeks to 'establish the facts' in reported Kuwait assault on Jordanians

By P.V.Vivekanand  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Jordan is pursuing efforts to establish the facts in a reported assault on Jordanian prisoners in Kuwait and is hoping that friendly countries would help the Kingdom ensure the safety and well-being of its citizens in the emirate, officials said Friday.

### Swedish official leaves after promising support

AMMAN (J.T.) — Swedish Under-Secretary of State Jan Eliasson left here Friday after talks that focused on the Middle East peace process and Jordanian-Swedish relations as well as ongoing negotiations between the Kingdom and the European Union (EU) on a partnership.



# Home

HRI Princess Rasma Thirshid where she opened the Thirshid

## Princess tours

IRBID — The HRI Princess Rasma Thirshid reviewed the Ramat charity campaign organized by the Queen Alia Fund for Social Development (QAFSD) in Irbid yesterday.

The seven men has thus far extended assistance to sportsmen and families of POWs. Princess toured

## Debate continues for women

By Rana Hussein  
Amman Daily Express

AMMAN — Deputy Tourist Minister, Mr. Ahmad al-Hajj, presented a proposal for a quota for women in Parliament.

He said that a woman might be elected to Parliament because she is educated and not because she is a qualified politician as is being done to work for women.

Mr. al-Hajj said:

"It is a woman's progress, announced Wednesday at a United States Information Service (USIS) meeting entitled 'Jordanian women in political life'."

In his report, Ms. al-Hajj stated that Chief Editor of the Arabic daily Al-Dustour Nabil Shant and Secretary General of the Jordan National Forum for Women, Dr. Wafar Hindawi who supported a quota for women in accordance with certain criteria.

Dr. Shant and Ms. Hindawi responded by affirming that experiences abroad have effectively proved that a quota has helped women to reach parliamentary status, and that not necessarily will an unqualified woman reach the seat.

Deputy al-Hajj said that the weak presence of women in political parties and not adding leading positions played a factor in lack of participation in political life.

Ms. al-Hajj, the only female deputy in the eighty-seat House, called on political parties to empower Jordanian women to assume leading positions in their parties, stating that there are many Jordanian women who are qualified to occupy such leading posts but are not given the chance due to the leaders of political parties in Jordan.

"Before the democratic process was instituted in Jordan, politics of parties were banned, oppressed and abused and any achievement made by their members went unrecognized," she said.

In addition, women's representation in political parties is weakened because of the social patterns which "ruled that women should stay out of politics and

\* Ramadanat exhibition from Wadi (dried fruits) and Jordan River Dams (dried accessories) at JRD showrooms

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## S IN BRIEF

### Prayers in Mecca and Medina

More than 1.75 million people attended the two mosques of Mecca and Medina during the official Saudi Press Agency said the number of pilgrims passing through the two cities during the last month of Ramadan, which ends on Feb. 10, was expected to grow during the ceremony. The main annual pilgrimage in mid April this year. Last year, 1.6 million people to Mecca alone.

### back 125 Syrian Kurds

Lebanon has sent back 125 Syrian Kurds who had fled into the country on the promise of a safe haven. The Kurds, who were abandoned on small islands in the Mediterranean Sea, were taken to the port of Tyre and then to the port of Beirut. The Kurds were then handed over to Syrian security forces. The Kurds were then taken to the port of Tyre and then to the port of Beirut. The Kurds were then handed over to Syrian security forces. The Kurds were then taken to the port of Tyre and then to the port of Beirut. The Kurds were then handed over to Syrian security forces.

### Princess tours camp, hospital in Irbid

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### Debate continues over quota system for women in Parliament

By Rana Hussein  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Deputy Tawfik Faisal has once again adamantly rejected a proposal to set a quota for seats for women in Parliament. "I fear that a woman might [be elected to] Parliament simply because she is a woman and not because she is a qualified politician who is willing to work for change," Ms. Faisal said.

### Road accidents blamed on downpour

AMMAN (J.T.) — As a result of Thursday's downpour, 12 persons were slightly injured in 80 road accidents, involving 120 cars, according to a report in the Arabic daily Al Ra'i.

### Commission admonishes Israelis to cease excavations in Jerusalem

AMMAN (Petra) — The Royal Commission for Jerusalem Affairs (RCJA) Thursday issued an admonition against continued excavations within the area of Al Haram Al Sharif compound in Jerusalem.

### What's Going On

EXHIBITIONS

audanian exhibition from Wadi Dana Nature Reserve (silver nature jewelry, jams, dried fruits) and Jordan River Designs (JRD) ornaments (tablecloths, candles, embroidered accessories) at JRD showroom, Jabal Amman, Fryst Circle (Tel. 613081), until Feb. 6.

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The campaign has thus far extended assistance to 5,000 indigent families.

Princess Basma toured Azmi Al Mufti Camp near Irbid and donated JD10,000 to finance several activities there while she inspected the distribution of assistance to the needy.

Later, she toured Eidoun Social Service Centre where she provided ten wheelchairs for the handicapped.

The Princess also opened the Thalassemia section at Princess Rahma Hospital in Irbid city and inspected the blood bank there.

She was accompanied by Deputies Abdul Rahim Ekour, Nader Abdul Shaer, Saleh Sha'awara and other senior officials at the governorate.

Ms. Hindawi attributed the weak participation of women in political life to social, economic and cultural factors and stated that lack of confidence among women is a major factor, "because of the way they were raised in society."

"Most women were brought up and expected to follow the stereotypical role, which is the role of a mother who is responsible for taking care of her house and not participating in political life," Ms. Hindawi said.

For that purpose, Ms. Hindawi maintained, the JNFW has prepared a national strategy in coordination with non-governmental organizations to encourage more women to participate in the political arena.

"But we prefer that the change be slow so that it will gain momentum and not fail," Ms. Hindawi said.

Dr. Sharif stressed the importance of women's participation in political life, stating that responsibility falls on the government to strengthen women's presence in political life.

He said that this could be accomplished through enacting legislation, rules and regulations, giving specific quotas to women in Parliament, the Cabinet and other senior positions, similar to what is applicable in other countries, such as Germany, which enhanced women's participation in political life through setting such a quota.

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### Ministry, World Bank officials meet

AMMAN (Petra) — Ministry of Agriculture officials are meeting with those of the World Bank in order to obtain assistance to restructure the agricultural sector in Jordan, Minister of Agriculture Mustafa Sheikhat announced Friday.

This renovation, as envisaged by the ministry, will involve promoting agricultural extension and research services, transforming the Agricultural Credit Corporation into a bank allocating loans to farmers, ensuring greater contributions from the private sector, improving agricultural quarantine methods near the borders and modernizing veterinary services, he said.

These aims are to be achieved through a general plan for upgrading agricultural services currently under study by Jordan and the World Bank, he added.

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## JEA to protest against government

By Ghaila Alul  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Jordan Engineers Association (JEA) has resolved to implement "serious" measures against the government in response to the latter's failure to implement a memorandum of understanding, JEA Vice President Hani Abu Ghida told the Jordan Times Friday.

The memorandum in question was reached with a special ministerial committee formed to study the engineers' demands, he said.

In a meeting with more than 1,500 engineers on Thursday, the JEA general assembly called on association members to participate in a sit-in on Feb. 22 in front of the Ministry of Public Works and Housing, Mr. Abu Ghida said.

The engineers employed in the public sector have been demanding an increase of 150 per cent in their basic monthly salary which currently stands at JD 150.

They have also been demanding the promotion of engineers to higher levels on the public sector employee scale.

Public sector employees are rated on a scale of 1-10. The lowest being 10, the highest one.

Mr. Abu Ghida earlier explained that previous to 1988, recently graduated engineers could begin their careers as public employees from grade five, while today these engineers are hired as sixth grade employees with a consequent loss in benefits and allowances.

Therefore, Mr. Abu Ghida said, the JEA will continue its efforts to push the government to solve these problems.

He affirmed that one week after the February 22 sit-in, JEA members will organize a protest march from the association to the prime ministry.

Engineers will end the march with a sit-in in front of the prime ministry, he said.

"One week after this march, we will cease working for two hours every day," Mr. Abu Ghida said, adding that this daily strike will continue for a week to be followed with a general strike on March 22.

In fact, the ministerial committee Wednesday resolved to amend the basic salary allowances of JEA members in accordance with the memorandum of understanding which was signed in October.

The committee's decision is expected to be sent to the Cabinet for approval on Tuesday.

But, Mr. Abu Ghida asserted earlier that the government has not heretofore discussed the engineers' allowances amendment with JEA members, noting that "no specific figures from Wednesday's meeting were made available to them."

Mr. Nimri had published an article on Iraq.

It was these articles which called violations of the Press and Publication Law into question.

Attorney Ghanem Zureikat defended the three journalists on a pro bono basis.

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## Court acquits 3 journalists accused of slander, harming government ties



inexperience in the rough and tumble world of Pakistan politics.

"She is experienced and has been in politics for a long time. She is tough, but I am tougher than her. People are with me," said Ghirya, who is benefiting

Other analysts believe Ghinva enjoys support from the caretaker government

An array of regional groups, including former PML ally, Awami National Party, which is strong in

An unknown factor is the Movement for Justice launched 10 months ago by former cricketer Imran Khan, who has already stated that he would not take part in a coalition govern-

The Gallup survey predicted that although his personal popularity was riding at 10 per cent, the party would only poll around five per cent of the vote.

"I believe the abolition of the... bill (of rights) will bring instability to the rule of law in the future special region," said the letter by Mr. Fung, who is also a member of the territory's Beijing-appointed provisional legislature.

Mr. Fung voiced opposition to China's decision to repeal recent Hong Kong regulations allowing political parties, warning that Beijing's decision to return to the British colonial era system would affect Hong Kong's stability as well as its credibility.

I believe that to restore these provisions is totally against developing toward the casting off of colonialism and against the principle of Hong Kong people

Hong Kong's post-colonial leader Tung Chee-hwa, who is attending the crucial committee meeting in Bei-

U.S. President Bill Clinton has expressed concern. Britain summoned the Chinese ambassador in London order to lodge a protest and

Foreign Minister Malcolm Rifkind plans to pursue the issue in a meeting with Mr. Qian next month.

"CSU politicians think their egos are more important than the right of Ger-

But Mr. Protzner accused Scientology of pressuring its

"The state has a duty to protect its citizens from

these criminal underhand practices. The CSU and all German democrats will not be influenced by this slanderous rhetoric," he said.

Mr. Protzner added the CSU would continue to make public its view that

Scientology was "a profitable organisation similar to the mafia, which aimed to undermine state structures."

Mr. Ruehe said Wednesday: "It is worth noting that France for the first time has signed a document in

"Our doctrine hasn't

## Minute of silence as union leader is buried; new blast reported

"France has no business undertaking an isolated action...it must keep its policy within a European and Euro-Mediterranean approach with its partners," Mr. Giscard d'Estaing said.

An estimated 60,000 people have been killed since Algeria plunged into civil strife after the authorities cancelled 1992 elections that the Islamic Salvation

Both Mr. De Charette and Mr. Giscard d'Estaing welcomed President Zeroual's

The Foreign Ministry quoted Mr. De Charette as telling the closed-door hearing that France hoped the poll would be held in full openness and all legal polit-

While Mr. De Charette pointedly refused to tell L'Express if Algiers should negotiate with Muslim fundamentalist rebels, Mr. Gis-

"All political groups, including Islamists, must be allowed to field candidates, and all leaders, except those

His statement was con-

demned as "a blatant interference" by former anti-Islamist Algerian presidential candidate Said Sadi.

Algerian envoy to France, Hocine Djoudi, told the

daily Le Parisien that the election date would be announced soon but the outlawed FIS would not be allowed to run.

# over NATO

plans to join NATO but with the alliance and creation of a weapons-free zone in Eastern Europe, which opposes

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another's membership.

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"This is pretty worrying because it is an attempt against the peace treaty," Congressman Gumerindo Donis, president of the congressional National Defense Committee, told reporters.

"The government is obtaining help for the guerrillas and not for us," said Lt.

ended a 36-year war in which 140,000 Guatemalans died or disappeared. Protesters said they would maintain their stand "to the bitter end." They said they had given up

Army spokesman Otto Noack said the peace agreements clearly stated that all demobilised army personnel would receive government aid for a "productive return" to civilian life.

Most of the urban military policemen work around the city during the day, providing security at banks, government buildings and private business-

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## Guatemala military police rise up over peace pact

GUATEMALA CITY — About 1,000 Guatemalan military police officers rose up against the peace pact signed last month. The officers, who are part of the army, are protesting against the peace pact because it would mean the end of their role in the country's security.

The protesters were a mix of young and old soldiers. They were armed with rifles and some had hand grenades. They were protesting in front of the Congress building in Guatemala City.

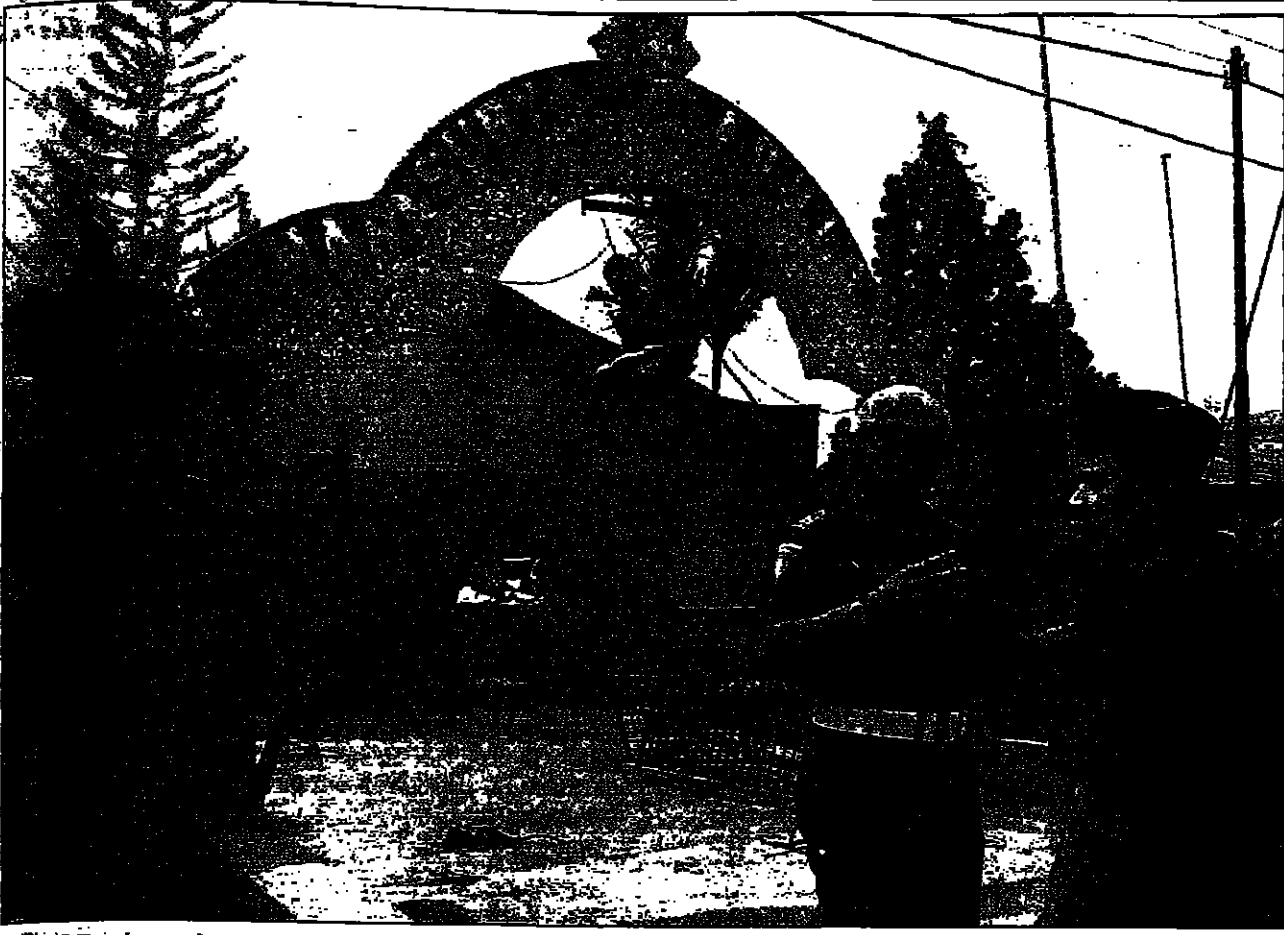
The government is trying to calm the situation. It has sent in more troops to the area. It has also tried to negotiate with the protesters.

The protesters say they want to see the end of the military's role in the country's politics. They want to see a civilian government.

The government says it is committed to the peace pact. It says it will not back down from the pact.

The protesters say they will continue their fight. They say they will not stop until they see their demands met.

The government is trying to negotiate with the protesters. It is offering them some concessions.



A Buddha statue hangs at the entrance of a Buddhist temple, as a military officer and a Muslim leader stand in front of the temple, which was burned by an angry mob Thursday in Rengasdengklok. A mob of Indonesian Muslims burned and wrecked churches and temples after reports that an ethnic Chinese woman insulted Muslims. (Reuters photo)

## Troops patrol Indonesian town after riots

JAKARTA (R) — Troops patrolled the Indonesian town of Rengasdengklok Friday and residents cleared rubble from wrecked buildings after a Muslim mob went on the rampage over a reported insult against Islam.

Rioters burned a church and a Chinese Buddhist temple wrecked four other churches, and wrecked and looted shops and homes during a rampage Thursday. Sixteen cars were also destroyed.

There were no reports of serious injuries. "People are clearing the rubble from their damaged houses and shops and soldiers are patrolling in the town," a church attendant whose church was destroyed said by telephone.

There were no incidents overnight, but it was tense last night because we heard rumours the people would attack us again. We haven't decided yet where we are going to have our Sunday service," he said.

## Serbia's opposition, students march for democracy

BELGRADE (R) — Opposition leaders led tens of thousands of supporters through the dark, chilly streets of Belgrade, vowing to continue protests until democratic reforms are in place and their victory in Serbia's local elections is accepted.

"The number of people has not diminished in any way," opposition politician Zoran Djindjic told marchers converging on the city centre. "Our objective is the democratisation of Serbia, and anything less would be an insult to all these people."

Police kept a low profile again on the 75th day of demonstrations, making no attempt to halt or divert groups of pedestrians — each several hundred strong and all wrapped in brightly-coloured anoraks, scarves and woolly hats against the biting cold — heading to republic square.

Residents opened their windows en route and waved to those below, some banging pots and pans in a cacophony of solidarity, from whistles and cheers to impromptu singing and drumming. The mood was generally festive.

At the square itself, fireworks burst overhead. A cordon of anti-riot police in helmets and carrying shields and batons stood quietly at one end to deter the protestors, some of them holding children on their shoulders, from moving south into the government and business district.

Witnesses estimated the number of demonstrators at about 50,000. Earlier in the afternoon some 15,000 students demanding political and educational reform filled the streets and disrupted traffic when they too marched on the railway station. Plainclothes police watched, but made no attempt to interfere.

Both students and the three-party opposition Zajedno (Together) Coalition share the demand that the opposition victories in local elections on Nov. 17 in 14 Serbian towns, including Belgrade, be recognised.

Investigators from the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) have concluded that the polls, annulled by President Slobodan Milosevic's ruling Socialists on grounds of "irregularities," were fairly won.

In what some political analysts saw as a conciliatory gesture, Milosevic said he would accept the results of the elections.

Both Moscow and Grozny said Thursday they would not allow Commander Raduyev's inflammatory statements to increase tension in the region. The Chechen authorities promised a tough response to any illegal acts by Mr. Raduyev Thursday and proposed three possible dates for the inauguration.

## Zaire fights guerrillas on many fronts; opposes talks

KINSHASA (R) — Zaire's counter-offensive against rebels has run into resistance with its mercenary-backed army fighting rebels on several fronts, government and military sources said Thursday.

But the government, which has opted for a military solution to the three-month-old Tutsi-led revolt in the east, once again ruled out negotiations, saying troops from neighbouring countries must leave first.

There is a dynamic developing in certain quarters for Zaire to negotiate with the rebels," Deputy Foreign Minister Henri Thomas Lokondo Yoka told reporters in Kinshasa. "The government will not negotiate with the aggressors until we have recovered all the territory that has been occupied," he said.

Zaire's army earlier claimed to have retaken part of Bunia. An army communique issued in Kinshasa Thursday said Ugandan troops were fighting to take towns such as Watsa and Isiro, hundreds of kilometres into Upper Zaire province.

Military sources told Reuters earlier Zairean soldiers and foreign mercenaries were based in Watsa. The army accused Rwandan troops of fighting on the road from Walekale, just over 100 kilometres from the Rwandan border, to Kisangani, headquarters for the Zairean counter-offensive.

It said Burundian soldiers were aiding rebels advancing down the road to the southern mining province of Shaba and were within 30 kilometres of it.

The Defence Ministry official, who asked not to be identified, said they were within 70 kilometres of Kalemie, home town of rebel leader Laurent Kabila. "We are having to fight on several fronts," he said.

The accounts from Kinshasa were in line with reports from Rwanda that rebels in eastern Zaire were pushing south and west, opening new fronts to frustrate the army's counter-offensive.

## Bloody Sunday relatives mourn for justice

LONDON (R) — Relatives of 13 Catholics killed by British troops on "Bloody Sunday" 25 years ago honoured their dead Thursday and vowed to keep campaigning for an apology from the British government.

Bishop Seamus Hegarty, spiritual leader of Londonderry's 80,000 Irish Catholics, echoed their plea, calling on Britain to bring in a team of foreign experts to reopen a probe into what he called "the massacre of Bloody Sunday."

He told a commemorative mass for the victims that Britain's "wholly unconvincing explanation" for the shootings had added to the trauma of the families.

Bells rang out and a two-minute silence fell among several hundred mourners around a simple grey monument which marks one of the most emotive days in the calendar of Northern Ireland's pro-Irish 40 per cent Catholic minority.

John Kelly, whose teenage brother was killed, said: "The campaign to clear their names will continue."

But British Prime Minister John Major told parliament: "Without fresh evidence, I see no advantage in raking over these old problems. With fresh evidence... We would examine it."

Mr. Kelly said the British government "lied through its teeth" about the incident in which paratroopers fired on an unarmed Catholic crowd and helped swell the Irish Republican Army (IRA), the guerrilla group fighting British rule.

"But we are determined that the truth will out and hopefully our loved ones will rest in peace and those who are grieving will some day have comfort," Mr. Kelly told Reuters.

The campaign received reinforcement from an Irish legal expert who said some of the British paratroopers involved in the 1972 killings should have been prosecuted for murder.

Dermot Walsh, a law professor at Limerick University, told Reuters there were discrepancies in statements made by the soldiers to a British enquiry into the killings.

Colombo (AFP) — A suspected female cadre of the Tamil Tiger guerrilla group committed suicide Friday at a police road block in the Sri Lankan capital Colombo, officials said.

Police were checking the woman's identity papers when she swallowed a cyanide capsule and died instantly, police said, adding that they were investigating the incident.

The death, on the anniversary of a suicide bombing last year in which 91 people were killed and 1,400 wounded, came as security forces were on red alert ahead of the country's 49th independence anniversary celebrations on Feb. 4.

Security has been tightened to prevent attacks in the capital by the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), officials said.

Colombo's Police Chief Tikiri Banda Dissanayake said Thursday they had reports of up to four LTTE suicide cadres infiltrating the capital to stage attacks, and authorities were taking all possible precautions.

On Wednesday, police found a small quantity of explosives and ammunition left in a bus at the main bus station here, officials said.







# Jerusalem anew

With Israel in October has highlighted the Jewish state cannot be trusted to keep its word but recall that Israel kept Jerusalem as a Jewish state in 1948, regardless of the Jewish state's claims in the Kingdom of Israel's special status in the city as stipulated in the peace treaty.

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is needed for the strongest political will of the Arab and Muslim world, but also to live up to the warning given so far in world Islamic action: peace because denouncing Israel as a one thing while moving in peace and the threat is something else altogether.

## Palestinians

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# International Alliance for Arab-Israeli Peace — 'comprehensive peace must be the goal of all political efforts'

## The Copenhagen Declaration

EGYPTIANS, ISRAELIS, Jordanians, Palestinians and peace loving people from all over the world are gathered in Copenhagen to establish an international alliance for Arab-Israeli peace. Peace is too important to be left only to governments. People-to-people contacts are vital to the success of the peace efforts in the region. As long as the popular base remains weak, the peace process may falter. We are gathering in Copenhagen to contribute to a comprehensive and lasting resolution to the Arab-Israeli conflict before the end of this century, and to commence an era of durable and just peace in which the whole Middle East should enjoy stability, security and prosperity.

We are meeting under the auspices of the government of Denmark which shares our interest in bringing about a resolution to the Arab-Israeli conflict in all its aspects. The absence of such resolution can only adversely affect the interests of the entire international community.

We plan to hold public meetings, lobby governments, monitor progress

and setbacks in the peace process as well as discrimination, collective punishment, abuse of human rights and violence. We will mobilise public opinion behind the peace effort.

So much has been achieved in peace making between Arabs and Israelis, which has led to the Egyptian-Israeli disengagement in January 1974, the Syrian-Israeli disengagement agreement in May 1974, the Egyptian-Israeli disengagement agreement in September 1975, the Camp David accords in September 1978, the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty in March 1979, the Middle East peace process initiated in Madrid in October 1991, the Palestinian-Israeli Declaration of Principles in September 1993, the Palestinian-Israeli Cairo agreement in May 1994, the Washington declaration between Jordan and Israel in July 1994, the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty in October 1994, the Palestinian-Israeli interim agreement in September 1995, the Declaration of the Peace Makers summit in Sharm Al Sheikh in March 1996 and the recent Hebron protocol.

We realise that we cannot afford to watch passively resurgent dangers and the rise of new ones against the peace process. Peace is too precious and war too abhorrent for us to sit idle while a deterioration takes place.

We are convinced that we reflect the will of the majority of the people in the region who yearn for an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict as a prelude to establishing peaceful regional

We are deeply concerned about the stalemate on the Israeli-Syrian, Israeli-Lebanese tracks, about possible deadlocks in the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations over the implementation of the interim agreement, and about the eruption of violence that has in the past led to the loss of Arab and Israeli lives.

We recognise that there is still a long way to go before the true vision of peace will be a reality, that the hope for the attainment of comprehensive peace, leading to regional cooperation and a better life for all peoples of the Middle East may yet be dashed and that the peace process could yet be derailed with the shadow of war again engulfing the Middle East. Justice and equality are preconditions for peace.

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We are convinced that we reflect the will of the majority of the people in the region who yearn for an end to the Arab-Israeli conflict as a prelude to establishing peaceful regional

cooperation. We voice the feelings prevalent among Arab and Israelis that we, the people, must participate effectively in charting the course of the future of the Middle East by not allowing anti-peace forces to prevail.

We aim at the achieving of lasting and comprehensive peace based on the formula of land for peace, the implementation of U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 in all their aspects.

*"We consider that the foundations for peace among the Arab and Israeli peoples should be based on equal and balanced rights for all. In addition to the implementation of resolutions 242 and 338, it is important to deal with the underlying causes of Middle East wars and conflicts and to support both Arabs and Israelis to come to mutually acceptable terms."*

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underlying causes of Middle East wars and conflicts and to support both Arabs and Israelis to come to mutually acceptable terms.

We reaffirm our determination to promote peaceful coexistence, mutual respect, dignity and security among the peoples of a region that is free of all kinds of violence, and to pursue avenues for harmony and reconciliation that match the global transformation in the post-cold war era.

We need each other and we are determined to close ranks with all peace-loving people to attain these objectives. In order to do that, the signatories to this declaration have agreed on the following:

1. The attainment of

peace between the Israeli and Palestinian peoples will resolve the core problem of the Arab-Israeli conflict. We, the International Alliance for Peace, call on concerned governments to act vigorously and speed up the full implementation of the Israeli-Palestinian agreements in letter and spirit, faithfully and honestly, and particularly to restore full normality to the lives of the Palestinians. We call on the Israeli government and the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) to reach fair agreement on all outstanding final status issues (Jerusalem, refugees, settlements, borders, security and water) as soon as possible, certainly no later than May 5, 1999, as stipulated in the Oslo accords. Jerusalem, in particular, is a deeply sensitive and central issue to all parties. Special attention, therefore, should be paid to this issue in the final status negotiations to satisfy the requirements of all the parties. The final agreement between Israel and the PLO must allow the Palestinian people to exercise their right to self-determination, including statehood, in accordance with international laws upon reaching an agreed settle-

ment on the final status between them. To create an atmosphere of amity for negotiations, no resort to violence or terrorism in any form should be accepted or condoned. To allay Palestinian fears, no new settlements should be built, and no Palestinian land, state or private will be expropriated.

II. We, members of the Alliance, believe that comprehensive peace must be the true goal of all political efforts from within and outside the region. Renewed efforts must be made to reach a peaceful settlement between Israel and Syria and Israel and Lebanon based on the land-for-peace formula and on U.N. resolutions 242, 338 and 425. This settlement must include maximum mutual security for the parties as well as normal relations between them. Comprehensive peace should allow for a region free from weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems, a Middle East in which economic potentials are harnessed for the prosperity of its inhabitants, and steps should be taken to achieve these goals.

III. We urge all forces in the Middle East to join hands to rebuild a region free from arms race and

free from strife and poverty. In this noble endeavour, we will seize every opportunity, knock on every door, lobby every government and attempt to spread our vision to serve the interests of present and future generations. To guarantee success and continuity the members of the Alliance pledge concerted efforts to stand up to the enemies of peace.

IV. In order to ensure sustainability of our drive for peace, a permanent secretariat for the Alliance will be established. Our slogan henceforth will be "Let the state of war end, let the state of peace begin."

V. In this vein, the founders of the Alliance invite regional and international groups and individuals concerned with the future of the region to support our declaration, join our movement and support actively its causes and goals.

VI. The founding members of the International Alliance for Arab-Israeli Peace extend their deep appreciation and gratitude to the people and government of Denmark for their sincere efforts and generous hospitality, which have been instrumental in materialising our cause.

## U.S. letter assures Arafat

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tlement plans, but he did promise that in the final status talks with the Palestinians he will not give in to their demand for upgrading the Gaza-West Bank autonomy to an independent state.

"We will enable the Palestinians to run their lives but we will not set up a (Palestinian) state because a state, if it's set up, will have sovereign powers that will threaten our very existence," he said.

The West Bank, with its strategic high ground overlooking Israeli cities, is "a tremendous asset (and) the protective wall of our state," he also promised to preserve the "unity" of Jerusalem.

"Real peace will not come if Israel is weak and gives up its more precious assets," Mr. Netanyahu said, to rousing applause. "Peace will come from determination and strength."

Jewish settlers in Hebron,

meanwhile, dug foundations in preparation for the expansion of an enclave in the Israeli-ruled part of the town, witnesses said.

David Wilder, a spokesman for the 450 Jews who live or study in Hebron, said they planned to construct apartments for about 10 families and that building permits had either been issued or promised by Israeli authorities.

Witnesses said about 50 settlers used pickaxes and shovels to dig holes in the ground near the Abraham Avinu enclave in the old city of Hebron.

The settlers also cleared rubble from a nearby abandoned building which Palestinians want to renovate, the witnesses said. Palestinians speculated the settlers planned to take over the structure.

"We have agreements with the Israelis on Hebron. But every day we get complaints (from Palestinians) that settlers are intruding on their property," said Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natsheh.

## Swedish official ends visit

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The Crown Prince also expressed hope that constructive dialogue between EU members and countries in the Middle East could contribute towards the region's development and closer ties, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said.

The Crown Prince called for intensified efforts towards cooperation between the Europeans and Muslim countries to fight "Islamophobia," and said hostile forces were trying to tarnish Islam and distort its image.

Prince Hassan and Mr. Eliasson also discussed socio-economic development in the Middle East and negotiations on a partnership agreement between Jordan and the EU.

Mr. Eliasson held a meeting with Prime Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti and discussed the general conditions in the Middle East and efforts to give impetus to the peace process.

Mr. Kabariti reviewed Jordan's endeavours to attain comprehensive peace on all tracks of Arab-Israeli negotiations and urged Sweden to exert efforts in support of the Kingdom to attain that goal.

Following the meetings, Mr. Eliasson, who arrived in Amman Wednesday evening, praised His Majesty King Hussein's role in narrowing the differences between Israel and the Palestinians that led to the signing of the Hebron agreement on Jan. 15.

The King had proposed a compromise timeframe for Israeli withdrawals from rural parts of the West Bank, on which the two sides had been deadlocked, enabling them to sign the agreement.

Mr. Eliasson voiced his country's support for Jordan's peace endeavours and said Sweden would exert all efforts in its capacity as member of the European Union and through the U.N. Security Council to help meet the requirements of peace in the Middle East.

Describing his meetings with the Crown Prince and Mr. Kabariti as very constructive, Mr. Eliasson said it was important for Sweden and Jordan to pursue efforts towards the fulfilment of a lasting peace in the region.

Mr. Eliasson arrived in Beirut from Amman on Friday. He was to reopen his country's embassy in Lebanon and to hold talks on the Middle East peace process.

Mr. Eliasson said his mission in Beirut was part of efforts to revive the Arab-Israeli peace process and boost relations with Lebanon.

The Swedish embassy in Beirut that was closed for 15 years during the 1975-1990 civil war.

## Netanyahu to visit Jordan

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between the King and Mr. Netanyahu on Wednesday, the official source said: "Everything."

The source noted that Jordan has consistently called for quick moves towards resuming final-status negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians and commitments on both sides to the agreements that they have signed.

On the bilateral front, progress has been at snail's pace in Jordanian-Israeli agreements on economic cooperation and several issues are outstanding in the implementation of the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty of October 1994, particularly in the water sector.

Mr. Netanyahu was in Davos, Switzerland, on Friday where he is scheduled to meet Mr. Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Sunday on the fringes of the annual World Economic Forum.

Mr. Netanyahu visited Jordan in August, his first trip to the Kingdom after assuming office as prime minister. Since then, the King met with the Israeli prime minister in Washington in September and again in Tel Aviv last month when the monarch successfully narrowed Israeli-Palestinian differences and paved the way for the signing of the Hebron agreement on Jan. 15.

That agreement marked the first breakthrough in the peace process since Mr. Netanyahu's right-wing government assumed office in June.

According to reports from Israel, Mr. Netanyahu is "anxious to reap a maximum of political and economic benefits from the deal."

The Israeli prime minister is scheduled to visit the U.S. on Feb. 13, to be followed by Mr. Arafat on March 3. Mr. Mubarak on March 18 in a series of consultations with Middle Eastern leaders planned by President Clinton.

Mr. Netanyahu is reportedly trying to arrange a first visit to Morocco next month and Israeli papers speculated that his top policy advisor Dore Gold, who made a visit to an unknown destination on Wednesday, was in fact in Rabat trying to organise a meeting between the Israeli prime minister and King Hassan II. Other reports said Mr. Gold was in Oman and Qatar in a bid to accelerate his moves to normalise relations with the Jewish state.

Meanwhile the Jordanian

ambassador to the U.S., Fayez Tarawneh, was quoted as saying that King Hussein would discuss with President Clinton and other U.S. leaders means to give momentum to the Middle East peace process on all Arab-Israeli tracks.

Dr. Tarawneh, in an interview with the Jordan News Agency, Petra, in Washington, said the King would hold talks with President Clinton and leading U.S. administration officials as well as members of the Senate and House of Representatives on the developments in the peace process and issues of common concern to Jordan and the U.S.

"Coming in the wake of the King's success in overcoming the snags between Israel and the Palestinians this visit is very significant," Dr. Tarawneh told Petra.

Noting that U.S.-Jordanian relations have developed progressively in the past few years, Dr. Tarawneh said that means to further strengthen bilateral ties as well as U.S. military assistance to the Kingdom would be high on the King's talks with President Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Defence Secretary William Cohen.

Washington recently granted Jordan the status of a non-North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) ally. This status entitles Jordan to get advance military technology and equipment from the U.S.

Only a handful of countries enjoy the status of a non-NATO ally of the U.S.

Dr. Tarawneh said the King would brief members of the U.S. Congress on Jordan's views on regional issues and would also hold a meeting with Arab ambassadors in Washington to discuss pan-Arab affairs.

The Hebron agreement, Dr. Tarawneh said, represented a positive step towards the establishment of a just and durable peace on all the Arab-Israeli tracks.

He said that the agreement would also have a positive impact on prospects for the resumption of Syrian-Israeli negotiations, on ice since February 1996.

The King on Friday received a telephone call from UAE President Sheikh Zayed Ben Nahayan with whom he discussed the latest developments in the peace process and pan-Arab issues.

Sheikh Zayed also congratulated the King on the successful knee surgery he underwent last week and wished him speedy recovery.

## Jordan seeks 'to establish facts'

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lowing up on this issue with the Kuwaiti government.

Ghadeer Taher, advisor to Prime Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti, said the government was "trying to establish the facts in the affair and is hoping for help from friendly countries."

Ms. Taher said the government was also in touch with the Omani and Qatari authorities as well as "other friendly countries."

The government called in the senior-most Kuwaiti diplomat in Amman, Charge d'Affaires Faisal Mukheizeem, on Wednesday for an explanation of the reported incident. The Kuwaiti diplomat, who heads the mission here since Kuwait recalled its ambassador in 1991, categorically rejected the report.

The Kuwaiti government also issued a similar statement on Thursday.

Other officials said the Jordanian ambassador in Geneva had contacted senior officials from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) there, but was unable to obtain any details from the all-Swiss humanitarian agency.

"The ICRC is maintaining its traditional policy that its mandate is with the host country to correct problems and does not share reports with a third party," said an official.

In an appeal issued Thursday, the AOHR called on Kuwait to release Jordanian prisoners.

The organisation said it had received a report that 400 Kuwaiti security men carrying clubs and sticks beat inmates for three hours in a wing of Salibiya prison holding more than 100 prisoners.

The human rights group said according to its report — which appeared to have been a petition filed by the families of the prisoners — the Kuwaiti security men "entered the prisoners' area and hit them for three hours without any intervention from prison authorities."

It said they were then left outside in the cold for three hours. Their money, belongings and books were

taken, it said.

According to the local Al Dustour daily, which first reported the incident, the beating up followed the publication of an appeal for pardon sent by one of the inmates to Kuwait's emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah.

The plea by Abdul Rahman Al Imam Al Hussein was published in Al Dustour last Thursday.

A relative of one of the three prisoners remaining in hospital as Zuhair Omar Saleh, 42, and serving a 15-year sentence, and Mamoun Mohammad Ahmad, 28, and serving a life sentence for "collaboration" with Iraqi forces during their seven-month occupation of the emirate.

Kuwait said on Thursday reports of the beatings were aimed at "defaming the state of Kuwait."

"Kuwait is extremely keen on safeguarding human rights guaranteed by our Islamic religion," a Kuwaiti official said, noting that ICRC officials have unconditional access to Kuwaiti prisons.

"The Jordanian newspaper (which carried the report of assault) chose the wrong topic with the aim of attacking the reputation of Kuwait in an attempt to convince Jordan's public opinion of these lies which are not true," Colonel Adel Al Ibrahim, head of the public relations department of the interior ministry, told the official Kuwait News Agency.

Col. Ibrahim said "security measures" were taken against prisoners who tried to break the rules and not against inmates of specific nationalities.

At the time of the incident, the Kuwaiti interior ministry said special forces were sent in following disturbances in the prison by inmates of a ward used exclusively to house people convicted of drug-related offences.

About 60 Jordanian prisoners convicted of "collaboration" with Iraq during the August 1990-February 1991 Iraqi occupation of Kuwait are serving term in Kuwaiti jails.

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## Lacklustre activity marks trading at AFM last week

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Trading remained steady and prices dipped a little last week in lacklustre business at the Amman stock market as the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan marked its third week, brokers said Friday.

They said investors held on to their positions ahead of the 'Eid Al Fitr holiday, which falls around Feb. 7 marking the end of Ramadan, when many speculators are expected to revive their activities in the market.

The weekly report of the Amman Financial Market (AFM) said turnover for the week ending Thursday was 4.2 million dinars compared with the previous week's 4.1 million dinars.

The report said 2.7 million shares changed hands under 1,779 contracts concluded during the week, with daily average trading of 840,000 dinars.

The official AFM index based on 60 major companies closed at 153.16 points, down 0.84 points or 0.55 points from the week's

opening of 154 points.

Sectoral indices showed service sector firms gained 0.4 per cent during the week, while industrials dipped by 1.16 per cent, commercial banks and investment houses shed 0.2 per cent and insurance companies slipped by 0.4 per cent.

Industrials topped the week's trading with a turnover of 2.16 million dinars, followed by service sector companies with a volume of 1.68 million dinars, commercial banks and investment houses with 400,000 dinars and insurance companies with 2,730 dinars.

Stocks of 83 companies were involved in the week's business, with 12 of them closing with gains, 55 of them slipping and 16 remaining unchanged.

Pearl Consulting, a private sector firm which maintains its own market indicators, said its general share price index closed with a decline of 0.73 per cent.

In sectoral terms, Pearl said, commercial banks and investment houses dipped by 0.14 per cent, insurance

by 0.15 per cent and industrials by 1.75 per cent while service sector firms gained 0.42 per cent.

According to Pearl, commercial banks dipped by 0.18 per cent, investment banks by 0.09 per cent, specialised credit institutions by 0.27 per cent and Islamic banks by 1.09 per cent.

In the services sector, Pearl said, energy companies gained 0.98 per cent and four companies and hotels notched up 1.44 per cent while transport firms lost 0.73 per cent, investment and real estate companies 1.34 per cent and entities in the education and related sectors shed 0.77 per cent.

Among industrials, mining companies shed 0.93 per cent, chemical and petroleum firms 1.84 per cent, firms in the supply and consumption sector 0.84 per cent, pharmaceuticals 4.75 per cent, engineering companies 2.43 per cent and packing companies 0.11 per cent. Textiles gained 0.77 per cent and construction companies 0.12 per cent.

A monthly assessment provided by Pearl showed that commercial banks and investment houses dipped by 1.45 per cent since the beginning of the year, services sector firms by 2.83 per cent and industrials by 3.37 per cent. Insurance stocks gained 0.22 per cent, it said.

Pearl's general share price index dipped by 2.31 per cent in January.

During the same month, a further split-up by Pearl showed, commercial banks dipped by 1.82 per cent, investment houses 2.11 per cent and specialised credit institutions by 1.06 per cent while Islamic banks gained 0.37 per cent.

In the services sector, according to Pearl's monthly report, energy firms shed 1.59 per cent, tourism companies and hotels 3.75 per cent, press and publications companies 0.53 per cent and firms in the education and related sectors declined by 1.89 per cent. Transport companies gained 1.69 per cent and real estate firms 0.23 per cent.

Among industrials, said Pearl, mining companies dipped by 2.17 per cent in January, chemical and petroleum companies 2.22 per cent, firms in the supply and consumption sector by 1.77 per cent, pharmaceuticals by 3.33 per cent, engineering companies by 6.32 per cent, textiles by 4.35 per cent and packing companies by 1.41 per cent. Construction companies gained 3.22 per cent.

### AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

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| DURING THE LAST 3 WEEKS | COMPANY NAME                  | P/E   | DIV  | NO. OF CONTRACTS | NO. OF SHARES | VALUE TRADED JD | OPENING PRICE | HIGH   | LOW    | CLOSING PRICE | CHANGE | AVERAGE PRICE | MARKET SHARE | NO. OF TRADING DAYS |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|--------|---------------|--------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|
| 261,000                 | 260,000 ARAB BANK             | 14.0  | 1.37 | 22               | 760           | 194465          | 256.25        | 257.00 | 255.50 | 255.50        | -.75   | 255.875       | .017         | 5                   |
| 5,200                   | 5,100 CAIRO AMMAN BANK        | 10.3  | 3.00 | 1                | 300           | 1500            | 5.10          | 5.00   | 5.00   | 5.00          | -.10   | 5.000         | .003         | 1                   |
| 3,280                   | 3,080 BANK OF JORDAN          | 11.7  | 0.00 | 1                | 200           | 650             | 3.18          | 3.25   | 3.25   | 3.25          | +.07   | 3.250         | .002         | 1                   |
| 1,150                   | 1,100 MID. EAST. INV. BK.     | 74.9  | 0.00 | 1                | 2000          | 2377            | 1.15          | 1.17   | 1.13   | 1.14          | -.02   | 1.147         | .003         | 5                   |
| 2,320                   | 2,120 INDUSTRIAL DEV. BK.     | 5.7   | 6.00 | 13               | 3400          | 7045            | 2.32          | 2.35   | 2.30   | 2.32          | -.03   | 2.307         | .021         | 3                   |
| 4,800                   | 4,420 THE HOUSING BK.         | 12.5  | 2.36 | 14               | 4237          | 19777           | 4.60          | 4.72   | 4.67   | 4.67          | -.03   | 4.691         | .017         | 3                   |
| 2,690                   | 2,550 JOR. WOLVIT BANK        | 19.7  | 0.00 | 20               | 20395         | 35082           | 2.69          | 2.72   | 2.67   | 2.72          | +.05   | 2.701         | .024         | 5                   |
| 7,980                   | 7,950 JOR. GULF BANK          | 5.7   | 7.29 | 22               | 66750         | 45101           | .97           | .97    | .95    | .96           | -.01   | .965          | .234         | 5                   |
| 3,770                   | 3,670 JOR. ISLAMIC BANK       | 18.0  | 0.00 | 44               | 11185         | 42314           | 3.76          | 3.81   | 3.75   | 3.75          | -.01   | 3.783         | .077         | 5                   |
| 1,650                   | 1,430 ORIENT. DEV. INV. TR.   | 104.1 | 0.00 | 1                | 200           | 3190            | 1.43          | 1.45   | 1.45   | 1.45          | -.01   | 1.450         | .002         | 1                   |
| 3,600                   | 3,600 JOR. INV. TR. BANK      | 19.4  | 0.00 | 3                | 231           | 757             | 3.60          | 3.59   | 3.59   | 3.59          | -.01   | 3.588         | .002         | 1                   |
| 1,800                   | 1,720 BRIT. AL. HAL. (REITNA) | 1.0   | 0.98 | 4                | 500           | 826             | 1.72          | 1.70   | 1.63   | 1.67          | -.05   | 1.652         | .025         | 1                   |
| 1,310                   | 1,260 PHILADELPHIA INV. BK.   | -     | 0.00 | 7                | 2825          | 3651            | 1.28          | 1.30   | 1.27   | 1.30          | +.02   | 1.292         | .028         | 2                   |

| MARKET TOTAL |                           | INDEX  |              | CHANGE              |              | MARKET SHARE |        | NO. OF TRADING DAYS |                     |      |      |       |      |   |
|--------------|---------------------------|--------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------|---------------------|---------------------|------|------|-------|------|---|
| MARKET TOTAL | INDEX                     | CHANGE | MARKET SHARE | NO. OF TRADING DAYS | MARKET TOTAL | INDEX        | CHANGE | MARKET SHARE        | NO. OF TRADING DAYS |      |      |       |      |   |
| 1,740        | 1,740 ARABIAN SEAS INSUR. | 12.1   | 4.55         | 1                   | 750          | 1738         | 1.74   | 1.65                | 1.65                | 1.65 | -.09 | 1.651 | .047 | 1 |
| 2,200        | 2,200 GENERAL ARAB INSUR. | 79.2   | 0.00         | 2                   | 178          | 394          | 2.20   | 2.30                | 2.30                | 2.30 | -.10 | 2.297 | .011 | 1 |
| 4,250        | 4,250 JERUSALEM INSUR.    | 11.5   | 4.71         | 1                   | 100          | 425          | 4.25   | 4.25                | 4.25                | 4.25 | -.01 | 4.250 | .009 | 1 |
| 1,940        | 1,890 JOR. FRENCH INSUR.  | 5.4    | 10.42        | 4                   | 480          | 771          | 1.94   | 1.93                | 1.92                | 1.92 | -.02 | 1.928 | .018 | 2 |

| INSURANCE | SECTOR               | INDEX | CHANGE | MARKET SHARE | NO. OF TRADING DAYS |        |      |      |      |      |      |       |      |   |
|-----------|----------------------|-------|--------|--------------|---------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|------|---|
| 1,640     | JOR. ELECTRIC PWR.   | 11.0  | 7.55   | 74           | 92386               | 147645 | 1.63 | 1.63 | 1.59 | 1.59 | -.04 | 1.598 | .616 | 5 |
| 8,250     | JOR. HOTEL TOURISM   | 17.7  | 1.99   | 1            | 30000               | 247500 | 8.25 | 8.25 | 8.25 | 8.25 | -.10 | 8.250 | .003 | 1 |
| 1,540     | IRIBID ELECTRICITY   | 9.8   | 6.67   | 4            | 3400                | 5093   | 1.43 | 1.50 | 1.43 | 1.50 | +.07 | 1.498 | .113 | 3 |
| 6,000     | JO. CYPRUS TRD.      | 8.2   | 3.79   | 1            | 300                 | 1868   | 5.90 | 6.00 | 6.00 | 6.00 | -.10 | 5.900 | .004 | 1 |
| 5,000     | ARAB INVT. HOTELS    | 18.4  | 2.76   | 15           | 80537               | 371462 | 4.40 | 4.60 | 4.60 | 4.65 | +.25 | 4.612 | .885 | 3 |
| 2,540     | SHIPPING LINES       | 10.4  | 0.13   | 4            | 4250                | 10414  | 2.45 | 2.46 | 2.46 | 2.46 | -.01 | 2.450 | .061 | 1 |
| 1,240     | NATL. PORTFOLIO      | -     | 0.00   | 53           | 18620               | 22713  | 1.21 | 1.22 | 1.17 | 1.20 | -.01 | 1.193 | .272 | 5 |
| 6,400     | REAL ESTATE INV.     | 19.3  | 8.28   | 5            | 1275                | 1116   | .91  | .88  | .87  | .87  | -.04 | .877  | .027 | 2 |
| 650       | JORDAN INTL. TRAD.   | 30.8  | 0.00   | 1            | 500                 | 301    | .60  | .60  | .60  | .60  | -.07 | .600  | .015 | 1 |
| 1,600     | MID. EAST. HOTELS    | 65.0  | 0.00   | 1            | 250                 | 380    | 1.51 | 1.52 | 1.52 | 1.52 | -.01 | 1.520 | .005 | 1 |
| 3,560     | ARAB INVT. INV. IND. | 14.0  | 0.64   | 10           | 4200                | 14912  | 3.46 | 3.62 | 3.45 | 3.54 | -.01 | 3.527 | .041 | 4 |
| 1,090     | KARIA EDUCATION      | 0.00  | 0.00   | 12           | 8740                | 8688   | 1.05 | 1.05 | 1.04 | 1.04 | -.01 | 1.042 | .185 | 2 |
| 2,230     | UNIV. CO.            | 11.0  | 4.78   | 53           | 29500               | 61884  | 2.13 | 2.13 | 2.09 | 2.09 | -.04 | 2.098 | .590 | 4 |
| 1,880     | UNION LAND DEV.      | -     | 0.00   | 7            | 11840               | 11779  | .84  | .85  | .84  | .84  | -.01 | .847  | .277 | 3 |

| SERVICES | SECTOR                          |       |      | 243 | 287608 | 906187 | INDEX NUMBER : 111.81 |       |      |      | CHANGE : + 0.005 |       |       |   |
|----------|---------------------------------|-------|------|-----|--------|--------|-----------------------|-------|------|------|------------------|-------|-------|---|
| 3,400    | 3,300 JOR. CEMENT FACT.         | 19.6  | 2.92 | 57  | 44072  | 150391 | 3.40                  | 3.43  | 3.35 | 3.43 | +.03             | 3.432 | .073  | 5 |
| 3,320    | 3,170 JOR. PHOSPHATE MINES      | 35.1  | 0.00 | 29  | 100847 | 342872 | 3.32                  | 3.40  | 3.32 | 3.32 | -.01             | 3.399 | .229  | 4 |
| 5,900    | 5,570 ARAB PHOSPH. CO.          | 17.6  | 3.45 | 15  | 2604   | 15259  | 5.90                  | 5.80  | 5.80 | 5.80 | -.10             | 5.860 | .003  | 4 |
| 10,040   | 9,640 JOR. PETROL. REFINERY     | 10.0  | 8.11 | 45  | 6390   | 63709  | 9.98                  | 10.01 | 9.87 | 9.87 | -.11             | 9.970 | .100  | 5 |
| 6,500    | 5,900 JORDAN TRADING            | 6.7   | 5.76 | 4   | 325    | 7031   | 6.25                  | 6.25  | 6.25 | 6.25 | -                | 6.249 | .033  | 2 |
| 1,270    | 1,190 WOOLLEN INDUSTRIES        | 57.3  | 0.00 | 1   | 4200   | 5418   | 1.23                  | 1.29  | 1.29 | 1.29 | +.06             | 1.290 | .420  | 1 |
| 2,730    | 2,420 INDUSTRIAL COMM. AGR.     | 24.0  | 0.00 | 15  | 4580   | 11652  | 2.40                  | 2.56  | 2.50 | 2.52 | -.07             | 2.544 | .092  | 2 |
| 6,950    | 6,800 JOR. WOLVIT MILLS         | 8.9   | 3.60 | 4   | 3500   | 24325  | 6.85                  | 6.95  | 6.95 | 6.95 | -                | 6.950 | .008  | 3 |
| 3,720    | 3,460 ARAB PHARM. MANF.         | 19.9  | 5.52 | 52  | 15834  | 74222  | 3.72                  | 3.68  | 3.60 | 3.62 | -.10             | 3.626 | .176  | 5 |
| 5,500    | 5,500 JOR. CYPRUS TRD.          | 8.2   | 3.79 | 1   | 300    | 1868   | 5.50                  | 6.00  | 6.00 | 6.00 | -.10             | 5.900 | .004  | 1 |
| 1,650    | 1,590 JOR. PIPES MANUF.         | 9.9   | 7.50 | 2   | 600    | 960    | 1.61                  | 1.60  | 1.60 | 1.60 | -.01             | 1.600 | .010  | 2 |
| 5,050    | 4,850 DAR ALADWA. D. INV.       | 12.6  | 4.35 | 74  | 8000   | 17423  | 4.80                  | 4.80  | 4.40 | 4.50 | -.28             | 4.478 | .133  | 5 |
| 3,650    | 3,480 ARAB ALUM. IND.           | 8.8   | 8.45 | 3   | 650    | 2308   | 3.48                  | 3.55  | 3.55 | 3.55 | -.06             | 3.551 | .011  | 2 |
| 1,650    | 1,610 LIVESTOCK & POULTRY       | -     | 0.00 | 53  | 48900  | 76866  | .62                   | .63   | .60  | .60  | -.07             | .604  | .178  | 5 |
| 1,230    | 1,140 ARAB PAPER COV. TRD.      | 8.2   | 8.63 | 10  | 3350   | 4002   | 1.21                  | 1.20  | 1.19 | 1.20 | -.01             | 1.195 | .144  | 3 |
| 1,720    | 1,670 NATL. HOTELS              | 9.8   | 9.50 | 49  | 27300  | 18202  | .67                   | .66   | .66  | .66  | -.01             | .667  | .455  | 5 |
| 1,250    | 1,060 INTERMED. PETRO. CHEM.    | -     | 0.00 | 38  | 12902  | 17977  | 1.13                  | 1.10  | 1.07 | 1.09 | -.04             | 1.083 | .323  | 4 |
| 1,840    | 1,800 JOR. ROCKWELL INDUS.      | 138.6 | 0.00 | 4   | 1200   | 948    | .80                   | .79   | .79  | .79  | -.01             | .790  | .040  | 1 |
| 2,920    | 2,640 UNIV. CREDIT. IND.        | 47.4  | 0.00 | 5   | 750    | 1613   | 2.64                  | 2.55  | 2.55 | 2.55 | -.09             | 2.551 | .050  | 2 |
| 2,600    | 2,540 ARAB. CEMENT. WARE. FACT. | 24.3  | 0.00 | 8   | 52650  | 123785 | 2.54                  | 2.66  | 2.35 | 2.35 | -.24             | 2.350 | 1.053 | 2 |
| 1,830    | 1,790 JOR. SULPHUR CHEM.        | 26.6  | 0.00 | 9   | 3000   | 2445   | .82                   | .80   | .80  | .80  | -.02             | .815  | .075  | 4 |
| 1,520    | 1,370 ARAB PHARM. CHEM.         | 26.6  | 0.00 | 41  | 12300  | 17378  | 1.47                  | 1.45  | 1.39 | 1.42 | -.05             | 1.423 | .246  | 5 |
| 1,130    | 1,100 KAMHES INVEST.            | 37.0  | 5.83 | 4   | 1200   | 1233   | 1.10                  | 1.05  | 1.00 | 1.03 | -.07             | 1.028 | .060  | 2 |
| 1,770    | 1,690 UNIV. CH. & VEG.          | 24.6  | 0.00 | 19  | 12550  | 12814  | 1.04                  | 1.04  | 1.00 | 1.00 | -.04             | 1.021 | .159  | 5 |

|       |                              |       |       |    |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |       |       |   |
|-------|------------------------------|-------|-------|----|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|---|
| 3,740 | 1,830 ARABIAN SEAS INSUR.    | 12.1  | 4.55  | 1  | 8000  | 1738  | 1.74 | 1.74 | 1.74 | 1.74 | -.09 | 1.739 | .133  | 5 |
| 2,200 | 2,200 GENERAL ARAB INSUR.    | 79.2  | 0.00  | 2  | 178   | 394   | 2.20 | 2.30 | 2.30 | 2.30 | -.10 | 2.297 | .011  | 1 |
| 4,250 | 4,250 JERUSALEM INSUR.       | 11.5  | 4.71  | 1  | 100   | 425   | 4.25 | 4.25 | 4.25 | 4.25 | -.01 | 4.250 | .009  | 1 |
| 1,940 | 1,890 JOR. FRENCH INSUR.     | 5.4   | 10.42 | 4  | 480   | 771   | 1.94 | 1.93 | 1.92 | 1.92 | -.02 | 1.928 | .018  | 2 |
| 1,650 | 1,610 LIVESTOCK & POULTRY    | 0.00  | 0.00  | 53 | 48959 | 15486 | 1.62 | 1.63 | 1.60 | 1.60 | -.07 | 1.606 | 1.785 | 5 |
| 1,230 | 1,140 ARAB PAPER CONV. TRD.  | 8.2   | 8.63  | 10 | 3350  | 4602  | 1.21 | 1.20 | 1.19 | 1.20 | -.01 | 1.195 | 1.444 | 3 |
| 1,720 | 1,670 NATIONAL INDS.         | 9.8   | 0.00  | 49 | 27300 | 38202 | .67  | .67  | .66  | .66  | -.01 | .667  | .456  | 5 |
| 1,150 | 1,060 INTERMED. PETRO. CHEM. | -     | 0.00  | 38 | 12902 | 17577 | 1.13 | 1.10 | 1.07 | 1.09 | -.04 | 1.083 | .323  | 4 |
| .840  | .800 JOR. ROCKMOLG INDS.     | 138.6 | 0.00  | 4  | 1200  | 948   | .80  | .80  | .79  | .79  | -.01 | .790  | .040  | 1 |

| GRAND TOTAL | INDEX   | CHANGE  | MARKET SHARE          | NO. OF TRADING DAYS |
|-------------|---------|---------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1150        | 1049101 | 2637746 | INDEX NUMBER : 153.16 | CHANGE : - 0.55%    |

| NO. OF DAYS TRADED | DAILY AVERAGE OF TRADING VOLUME : JD | DAILY AVERAGE OF TRADING SHARES | DAILY AVERAGE OF CONTRACTS |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 5                  | 527,549                              | 209,820                         | 230                        |

| NO. OF DAYS TRADED | DAILY AVERAGE OF TRADING VOLUME : JD | DAILY AVERAGE OF TRADING SHARES | DAILY AVERAGE OF CONTRACTS |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 5                  | 319,805                              | 338,380                         | 126                        |

## Irish took largest portion of government tenders in '96

THE GOVERNMENT Tenders Department (GTD) awarded tenders valued at a total of JD116 million last year. Most of the tenders were for water and sewage projects which amounted to JD49 million, GTD Director General Nasser Fahah Madaha has said.

The transport sector ranked in second place with a total of JD12.5 million. Tenders awarded in the health sector totalled JD15.5 million. Other tenders included: JD7 million for the education sector, JD



## African votes could bring Johansson FIFA prize

LISBON (R) — If UEFA President Lennart Johansson succeeds Juao Havelange as president of soccer's world governing body FIFA next year, it would be a case of history repeating itself.

The affable 66-year-old Swede has bounced back from a credibility rating of virtually zero after his unfortunate racist remarks about Africans last November to a position of strength — based on African support.

It was largely African backing which helped Havelange win the FIFA presidency himself in 1974. The Brazilian courted and won his votes with much behind the scenes manoeuvring and promises of increased African representation at future World Cups.

Johansson has also gone for African support, albeit in the full glare of publicity, aligning UEFA, European soccer's governing body, with CAF, their African counterparts, in an historic friendship and sponsorship accord involving a glitzy all star match and the introduction of a new Under-17 tournament.

All the moves have been done in the open with the avowed aim of developing African soccer. The second half of the notion — support the Africans and they will support you — has not been so much as whispered but the intention could hardly have been clearer.

If Johansson does secure the African vote — and there is still more than a year to go before it will be taken — he has pulled off a shrewd masterstroke to ensure his political survival.

Apart from the grand political gesture of launching the all star match and the under-17 Meridian Cup, he has more importantly set up joint accords between UEFA and CAF.

This initiative, signed on Thursday and known as the convention, promises extensive co-operation in all football-related matters as well as aid on and off the playing field to the African nations.

The entire package comprising aid, sponsorship, technical help and support to CAF and African national federations, is being compared to the assistance programme UEFA set up to help the former Soviet states in the early 1990s.

Both moves strengthen Johansson's powerbase, helping him first win over the Eastern European nations and now the Africans in his drive to become the most important man in world soccer.

Much can happen between now and when Havelange steps down after next year's World Cup finals in France.

But a number of senior African officials said this week that their votes would probably be cast for Johansson, rather

than their own likely candidate Issa Hayatou of Cameroon, a youthful, vigorous man who seems to embody the dynamism of his continent.

But if Hayatou does not win the vote next year, he is unlikely to be disappointed for too long.

The idea that the presidency of FIFA, as well as the venue of future World Cup finals, should be rotated between Europe, Africa, Asia and South America is still a topic for discussion.

As part of a probable deal for backing Johansson, the Africans are likely to insist on a new ruling that would limit the term of office for any future FIFA president to either two or three four-year terms.

This is revolutionary stuff for, once in place, FIFA presidents have historically been in no rush to leave.

By the time he quits office, Havelange, who will be 82 next summer, would have held his autocratic sway over FIFA for 24 years. His English predecessor Sir Stanley Rous was president for 13 years, while the presidency of Jules Rimet of France lasted for 33 years from 1921-54.

Daniel Burley Woolfall of England even technically remained as FIFA president for three years after his death in 1918 — but that was through no divine intervention, merely a problem created by the confusion in Europe following the First World War.

Johansson seems to have come through a potentially difficult week sitting alongside the Africans with his integrity if not entirely restored then at least not further harmed.

Last November he referred to Africans as "blackies" — a remark he has admitting making and which he said was meant to be funny though he has since acknowledged it was stupid and ignorant.

Johansson and Hayatou were all smiles and handshakes on Thursday when they signed their new agreement and it was hard to see how heat could seriously challenge the older and vastly more experienced Johansson for the presidency — even if Hayatou himself still has considerable African support.

Other challengers are believed to be waiting in the wings and the names of current FIFA general secretary Sepp Blatter and Italian Franco Carraro, the newly-elected president of the Italian league and a member of the international Olympic committee have been mentioned.

Johansson however, appears to have redeemed himself this week in Lisbon. If he does win the vote next year, this week could well have proved decisive.



Alberto Tomba of Italy passes a gate during the first leg of a World Cup slalom in Schladming. Tomba placed third after the first leg and went on to win the race with a combined time of one minute 35.87 seconds. Austria's Thomas Stangassinger finished second and France's Sebastien Amiez finished in third place (Reuters photo)

## Tomba seizes first victory of season

SCHLADMING, Austria (R) — Italian Alberto Tomba seized his first victory of the season in a men's World Cup night slalom on Thursday, proving his fitness for his home Alpine Skiing World Championships in Sestriere.

Tomba clocked an aggregate time of one minute 35.87 seconds on the Planai Piste, and is now anxious for the February 16 championship slalom which will also be raced under floodlights.

"It was very important for me

to win a race before Sestriere," said Tomba. "This gives me confidence. Now I have two weeks to continue preparing for Sestriere."

Austria's first-run leader Thomas Stangassinger was second (1:36.03) despite a mistake in the middle section, while Frenchman Sebastien Amiez was third (1:36.19).

Austria's Thomas Sykora defied a hip injury sustained in a heavy fall before last Sunday's

slalom in Kitzbuehel to improve on a first-leg ninth place for overall fourth (1:36.23).

Sykora has won five of the eight slaloms staged so far this season, finished second once and continues to head the slalom World Cup standings.

"I am happy Tomba won. Now he is the favourite for the Sestriere slalom," said Sykora. "This removes a lot of weight from my shoulders."

## '49ers Sapolu has heart surgery'

SAN FRANCISCO (R) — San Francisco 49ers offensive lineman Jesse Sapolu, a member of four super bowl-winning teams, had heart surgery earlier this week, a newspaper reported Thursday.

The 35-year-old Sapolu, a two-time pro bowl selection, had surgery to replace a valve in his heart, the San Francisco Chronicle reported.

"As far as heart surgery goes, it's relatively minor, and he's doing great," Dwight Clark, the 49ers' vice president and director of football operations, told the Chronicle.

The report said team doctors knew Sapolu had had the valve leak since his youth, but the staff did not consider the condition threatening until it began increasing in size recently.

The team was told that Sapolu was up and around and not in intensive care, the newspaper reported.

After his recovery Sapolu should be allowed to continue doing everything he did before, but is likely to announce his retirement, given his age and the team's rebuilding plans.

A veteran of 170 games in a 49ers uniform, Sapolu was drafted in the 11th round in 1983 out of the university of Hawaii. He became a starter in 1987 and was selected to one pro bowl as a guard and another as a centre.

Sapolu also made the pro bowl this season as an alternate to Dallas Cowboys centre Ray Donaldson.

## Le Saux back with England after horrific injury

### Hoddle recalls Shearer, Flowers and Lee for Italy match

LONDON (R) — Blackburn's Graeme Le Saux was drafted in to the England squad on Thursday for the first time since he broke his fibula, dislocated his ankle and ruptured tendons in his right leg 14 months ago.

Le Saux is one of four players recalled to manager Glenn Hoddle's 24-man party to face Italy in a vital World Cup Group Two qualifier against Italy at Wembley on February 12.

The others are striker Alan Shearer, who missed England's 2-0 defeat of Georgia in November through injury, Shearer's Newcastle team mate Robert Lee and Le Saux's Blackburn colleague goalkeeper Tim Flowers.

With Everton left-back Andy Hinchcliffe sidelined for the rest of the season with a knee injury and Manchester United's Philip Neville grounded by glandular fever, Le Saux may walk straight back into the left wing-back position he favours.

"There's are not many players who can play that position naturally and graeme is one of them," Hoddle told a news conference. "He's recaptured his form and we're delighted for him."

Le Saux, born in the Channel Islands, won the last of his 12 caps in a friendly against Portugal in December 1995.

Four days later he broke his leg and seriously damaged his ankle in a freak accident during a league match. He returned to the Blackburn first team just four months ago.

The irrepressible Paul Gascoigne is in the squad despite having his left ankle in plaster.

He picked up an injury while playing for Glasgow Rangers in a six-a-side tournament in the Netherlands but has assured Hoddle he will be fit to face the italians, coming to Wembley for their first competitive match under new coach cesare Maldini.

"He feels he's okay and his doctors feel he'll be okay come the 12th," Hoddle said. "But it's one of those injuries where you just can't tell and we won't really know how he is until Thursday or Friday next week."

Tottenham's Teddy Sheringham, who scored against Georgia, misses out after limping out of training on Monday with a nagging ankle injury which he first suffered at the start of the month.

Sheringham's Spurs team mate Darren Anderton, who is gradually fighting his way back to full fitness, is not recalled.

The other absentee from the squad that faced Georgia is Arsenal's former England captain David Platt (hamstring), who played in Italy with Bari, Juventus and sampdoria.

Both England and Italy go into the match with 100 percent records. England won their first three matches, Italy their first two.

The italians are in transition following the resignation of former coach Arrigo Sacchi and the appointment of Maldini.

"I'm not sure if that is an advantage or a disadvantage," Hoddle said. "If Sacchi were still manager there would be pressure on the players. That pressure's now been lifted."

#### Squad:

Goalkeepers — David Seaman (Arsenal), Ian Walker (Tottenham Hotspur), David James (Liverpool), Tim Flowers (Blackburn).

Defenders — Gary Neville (Manchester United), Stuart Pearce (Nottingham Forest), Graeme Le Saux (Blackburn), Gareth Southgate (Aston Villa), Tony Adams (Arsenal), Sol Campbell (Tottenham Hotspur), Dominic Matteo (Liverpool).

Midfielders — Paul Ince (Inter Milan), Paul Gascoigne (Rangers), David Beckham (Manchester United), Steve McManaman (Liverpool), David Batty (Newcastle), Matthew Le Tissier (Southampton), Robert Lee (Newcastle).

Strikers — Nicky Barmby (Everton), Alan Shearer, Les Ferdinand (Both Newcastle), Robbie Fowler (Liverpool), Ian Wright, Paul Merson (Both Arsenal).



Ukrainian basketball player Aleksander Okunski (R) shoots in the front of Croatian player Sandro Nisovic (L) during the qualification match between Croatia and Bulgaria for the European championship in the Croatian port of Rijeka on January 29. Croatia won 85-66 (Reuters photo)

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